

The Thompson House
Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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133 Central Avenue, Rahway, New Jersey

The Thompson House
Mendham, Morris County, New Jersey

Owner: Dr. William Talbout

Date of Erection: 1770; frame wing before 1840

Architect:

Builder: Daniel Cary (supposition)

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - quarried
stone

Exterior walls - quarried
stone in random ashlar,
north and east walls have
been stuccoed

Interior walls - partitions
plank studs, lath and
plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, dormers on
wing (recent)

Historical Data:

According to family tradition, the
Thompson Homestead was built about 1770. Part of
the upper story was left unfinished until after
the Revolution. The house was built for David

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Thompson who married Hannah Cary, a daughter of Daniel Cary. Cary came to Morristown in 1744 to take charge of the building of a suitable meeting house; he had been invited by the elders of the Presbyterian Church. Cary settled near Flanders and built himself a stone house not unlike the Thompson House which is still standing, and the fact that the Thompson House was built after his daughter married, it is reasonable to assume that Cary built this structure.

Thompson was the local squire and captain of a band of minute men from this vicinity who fought in several engagements in the Revolution, including Monmouth. During the occupation of Morristown by Washington's Troops he and his wife housed and fed soldiers in this house.

Bibliography:

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direct descendant of the builder,
librarian of New Jersey State Normal
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